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In re Application of: Akihito Nishikawa et al.)

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Product Design Apparatus)



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136


Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2001, to expire December 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a one-month extension.

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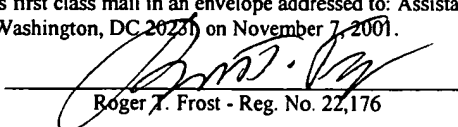
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